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W. CALVIN CHASE, Editor.

We have nothing against those who were false to us.

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This is a bad season for newspapers.

Send for Gen. Logan's book. It is out.

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Send for Douglass' pamphlet, we have them for sale at this office.

If you want interesting reading send for Logan's book.

The collector will call next week please have your money ready.

There will be an election in Petersburg Va., next Thursday. Democrats and independent republicans have united against Mahone.

Mr. Taggart had no more against us than he has against any other man. Certain colored people have a lot to learn, we know him to be an honest and conscientious man.

The industrial exhibition under the auspices of the masons, with Dr. S. R. Watts and F. G. Barba does at the head of it, will be one of the grandest events in the history of the colored people.

The Clara-Louise letters have been transferred to two of our Washington young ladies. They will be confined to social and political gossip in the future. These ladies are well known to the people of this city and we are confident that they will conduct the letters upon a high moral basis. We feel gratified at the increase of our subscription list this week.

Prof. J. M. Gregory has been elected Dean of the College department by the faculty of Howard University. This is an evidence of the high esteem in which the professor is held by the faculty of this institution. The gentleman is one of our most highly educated in this country. Such men on our public school board as Prof. Gregory will add to our public institutions.

The Clara-Louise letters that have appeared in this journal since February 1884 were neither written nor the matter contained therein suggested, nor has there been in the columns of this paper any article, editorial, or correspondence of any kind whatever from the pen of Mr. Geo. M. Arnold since February 1884. This is said because it has been made plain to us that during and since the late issue we had with the court, gossiping people who have sought to connect the name of Mr. Arnold, with the management and conduct of the BEE since 1884. Mr. Arnold was associate editor in the fall of 1883 and to the close of February 1884, since which time his relation to us has been a subscriber.

NEXT WEEK.

Next week will be a memorable one for many a happy student, who after years of studious effort and privation, can then clutch their diplomas and march out into the broad world to do battle for the right and the elevation of the race. Already we imagine we hear the whizzing of the wind-mills as each fortunate candidate bursts forth in lurid eloquence; already do we smell the fragrance which is wafted from the "bouquet and the tiny card." But we must remember boys and girls that windmills are not factories nor roses acts—the one is too light to be seen and the other too fragile to be of any permanence—so get down to hard pan and tackle the world with your hands of industry and heads of sense and capture something worth having. There is something to live for besides life, get it if you can.

WHAT GOOD.

The question has often been asked, why do so many of our young men, after completing their academic course, take up the study of the law? From the student's standpoint this question may be answered in many ways. In the first place, it may be because the student has a peculiar taste in that direction, or, having cultivated no particular taste in any given direction, he ventures the study for the sake of experiment. Now, in either case, the student is justified, for if he declines to follow the bent of his taste in the one case, he will certainly prove a failure, by reason of the lack of a proper or adequate interest in an uncongenial employment; and, in the other, he would prove equally a failure, if he had not first determined his fitness for a particular work. Moreover, a lack of sufficient funds prevents students from going out into active business life, while the few dollars in their pocket offer an inducement to make the most of their time while "waiting for something to turn up." The question with the student is, how can I best utilize my time while awaiting the results of the measures I have put into operation to secure me congenial and permanent employment? True, he might go abroad and lecture, or teach or engage in some other uncongenial employment, but he is not satisfied and his work will be but poorly done. Besides he is doing no one any particular harm by his studies. He spends a little money, but that is his and it was made to spend for honorable purposes. This he will tell you, if you only ask him and it is his right to do so.

The student more justified in studying the law. This we think not for the student's sake alone. We, as a people, have little or no idea of the law and but a very poor conception of our duties as citizens. Many rights we have, of which we are not aware and many remedies are at our command of which we have no knowledge. We are being robbed and cheated every day on account of our ignorance of the law and those business customs commonly known to the whites. Should the student never practice the law, (and many there be who will not) he can be of service to himself and those around in giving advice and instruction which will tend toward a more general enlightenment on the important legal matters which daily arise and with which we have to deal. It may be, that, in practice, but one out of a thousand will succeed, while those who are seeking for taste, will be surely disappointed; but there is no doubt that the greater the number we have among us who understand the law, the better it will be for our people in every way.

OUR SENTENCE.

The decision rendered by Judge MacArthur, in our case was a great surprise to many who anticipated and prophesied that we would be "closely mewed up" behind the prison bars. On the other hand, we had scores of friends who hoped that there would be a point-blank acquittal. For our part we are entirely satisfied that the Court acted with the view to warping both the people and the press, as to the danger of overstepping the bounds of propriety. So far as we are concerned we shall endeavor to follow the excellent advice given by the Court and ask the people to follow suit. This we do, as we intimated last week, because we would do it with injury to no one and because we have found that we were a prey to impositions tendered in the semblance of favor. We regret that any direct or indirect injury done to individuals has resulted from such impositions and are willing to offer every necessary apology and make all needful reparation. While we do this, we would not have it understood that we propose to shut our eyes to immorality committed among our people or to permit our voices to be silenced by the hisses or taunts of those who have seen fit to impugn our motives and distort our constructions. We shall endeavor more studiously to see that the homes of our patrons shall not be free to the invasions of libertines; that the "respectability of respectable people shall be respected;" that our school system, its methods and its personnel, shall be of the most approved order and of the highest moral type.

It has been hinted that this paper has devoted its columns toward a criticism of the morals of our community. But we suspect that those who howl most vociferously against the publication of social corruptions are those who stand in constant dread of being caught and published. An honest man is content to have the laws as strict as is consistent with exact justice, while the dishonest man would cry out against them as being oppressive; the thief is full of complaint and suspicion, and imagines "each bush" an officer; but the honest man walks erect, favoring only those whose conduct stand the burning light of just criticism.

The fact is, that we are too indulgent to those whose conduct is demoralizing to society, and it is for this reason that the whites are not willing to make distinction between a mean, vicious and dangerous colored man and one who is progressive, honest, moral and deserving.

The honest man needs have no fear that he will be misrepresented, but the wicked "flee when no man pursueth," bringing them to justice. As for ladies they have had and shall ever have the benefit of all doubts and no person can beg or purchase a favor which may be calculated to do them injustice. If the people do their duty the BEE may be relied on every time to sate their sting.

THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW EDIFICE. DEDICATORY EXERCISES, TOMORROW. A BRILLIANT TIME EXPECTED. SPECIAL TRAIN FROM BALTIMORE. THE NEW PASTOR. ADDITIONAL REPAIRS, ETC.

The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be dedicated tomorrow. The new pastor, Rev. T. G. Stewart, will preach in the morning. Special arrangements have been made to run an excursion train from Baltimore and Annapolis, Md., and other adjoining places for those who will attend the services. The ladies of the church have put everything in order which gives the new temple of worship a grand appearance.

Among the many grand and imposing church edifices in the West end, none stand out more prominently in its grandeur and outlines of symmetrical beauty than the church in course of completion, situated on M St. bet. 15th and 16th Sts., n. w., belonging to the congregation whose name heads this article.

The history of this church is an eventful one, and a brief outline may serve as an incentive to the rising generation to press forward with the work commenced by the early fathers.

The church was organized in 1846, over 43 years ago, when not only the vista of slavery hovered around the hearthstone of the faithful few struggling to serve the King of Kings, but the hydra-headed monster reached into those humble homes and snatched the babe from its mother's breast, and sold one or both into slavery under the shadow of the Capitol of a free Republic.

It was with this condition of surroundings that a few God-fearing men and women in 1836 organized the church, and under the leadership of A. W. Wayman, afterwards Bishop Wayman, the first house of worship, a frame structure, was erected and dedicated to the ever living God, on the site now occupied by the magnificent temple of worship ready for occupancy.

In 1851 the old frame was relegated to the rear of the lot to give place to a more commodious brick edifice to accommodate the growing and prosperous congregation.

The church then erected, was regarded ample in size and facilities for generations to come, but the spirit of the Lord permeated and blessed the congregation to such an extent that it was found absolutely necessary to enlarge their temple of worship, and this was commenced by Rev. J. W. Stevenson, in 1881.

The present church edifice, which is completed, is 80 x 120, and is built of brick with granite trimmings. The style of architecture is a harmonious combination of Doric, Corinthian and Gothic. The

seating capacity is about 3000. The galleries are opened at each end with floors slightly raised. The facilities for exit purposes are most admirable; in addition to the main door there are four sets of stairway doors at each end of the building.

The Pastor's study is in the immediate rear of the pulpit and within stepping distance of the same. The auditorium is 76 x 100, and is one of the handsomest in the city. The stained glass windows, one of which has been donated by the Philadelphia conference, another by the Baltimore conference, another by the New Jersey conference, are of the finest and most exquisite workmanship. The large front window was donated by the Board of Bishops, and is in full harmony with the prevailing style of beauty outlined for this grand structure. The lecture room is a marvel of neatness and utility, the size of it is 50 x 75. In addition, there are two parlors 30 x 40 which are fitted up in a manner to create the envy of the admirers of the beautiful.

An infant class room 50 x 40, also five class rooms 15 x 20 and a library 20 x 20 are provided for on the main basement floor, all of which are furnished with the most approved furniture for their use.

The sub-basement is specially fitted up for domestic purposes to be utilized on occasion of social gatherings for the benefit of the church, and no pairs will be spared in providing it with all the latest and most approved culinary appliances.

The organ is not only majestic in proportion but will rank deservedly with the great instruments in the country; the name of the builder, Jardine and Son, of New York, being a guarantee of its superiority. The cost is \$3000. The entire cost of the church edifice will be about \$75,000, \$20,000 of which was guaranteed by the General Conference at Baltimore a few months ago.

The congregation is a live one, full of Christian zeal for the success of their church, and who, under the leadership of their most worthy ex-pastor, Christian and elegant gentleman, Rev. James H. Handy, got their beautiful temple ready for praises to the Great Giver of light for his mercy and kindness to them. The Architect, Mr. T. G. Morsel, is deserving of all praise for his beauty of conception and faithfulness in executing the plans of the church. The various artisans and mechanics engaged in the thoroughness and conscientious manner in which they have performed the duties assigned them.

The building committee consists of Messrs. Jno. A. Simms, Sr., Geo. Daily and Andrew Twine, all men of integrity, vim and push.

SOUTH WASHINGTON NEWS.

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Tanner and sermon to the Chaldeans at the Virginia Ave. Baptist church, the baptism of seventeen by the Zion, and communion services at the Zion and First Baptist churches, and general church going on at Wesley Zion, St. Paul, Kehoboth, and Mt. Mariah was the work of this community on Sunday last.

The Rev. Washington Holmes, has been called to the pastoral charge of Israel Baptist church, East Washington, and will take his formal charge on Sunday June 27th.

The ladies of Mt. Jezreel Baptist church, 5 and E sts., East Washington, seem to be taking an extensive part in the building fund raising, which is proving to be a great success.

The Rev. Mr. Duvall of Pittsburgh, Pa., was in this city last week, and gave excellent account of churches in that city.

Mrs. J. Barker of this city, expects to spend the summer at Falls Church Va., for her health.

Mr. Wm. J. Howard one of the graduates of Wayland Seminary, filled the pulpit of the Virginia Ave. church on Sunday last.

A card from Rev. J. A. Taylor, informs us that it will be impossible for him to stay in Washington longer than one week if he comes now, therefore he defers his visit until sometime in June.

Sunday May 30, is the general collection for the African Missionary Society through out the District of Columbia, and it is hoped that all churches will do something in that direction. As we have printed reports from the general secretary, Rev. J. A. Taylor, to show what each church, Sunday school and Lodge has done, all should be encouraged to do more. Send in your money

to Rev. T. S. Robinson, treasurer, at 324 E. st. s. w.

The money collected during the month of May by the colored churches of this city shows that they mean to have fine houses of worship. The \$1,219.29 raised by Rev. S. Alexander's church, on the second Sunday, May 9th, gave Rev. R. Johnson's people of the 4th Baptist church, n. w., a splendid opportunity to show their financial ability. The fair of the Fourth church, managed by Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, went to their success, as well as the many clubs of the First church, West Washington.

The decoration of the graves of the dead colored soldiers at Arlington, should not be left entirely with the white committees, because these men died to secure our liberty. Let each liberty lover remember the dead at Arlington on Monday next.

The Wesley Zion Sunday school has elected Mr. R. H. Gunnell as superintendent, and is now arranging for their 43d anniversary on Sunday June 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brooks have left South Washington, the home of the bride, for his new residence on 8th st., n. w.

Mrs. Rebecca Lee is preparing to accompany Mrs. Mary E. Cooper to Toronto Canada, to be gone until September 1st.

The choir of the Zion Baptist church, on Tuesday evening the 18th, and the young workers of Monday evening last, at Grand Army Hall, cor. 6th and C sts., n. w., gave entertainments with wonderful success.

Love of Liberty Lodge of Good Samaritans, No. 42, gave a successful entertainment at Virginia Avenue church on Monday evening last.

Zion Baptist church is preparing for a bush meeting to Irving park.

The grand rally to morrow of the Mt. Jezreel Baptist church, is ably provided with ministers. Rev. Wm. Gibbons preaches at 11 a. m., and at the Mt. Zion Arlington Va., in the afternoon.

Rev. R. S. Laws will preach at the Mt. Zion Arlington in the morning.

The various watering places are now being talked of by ladies of this section.

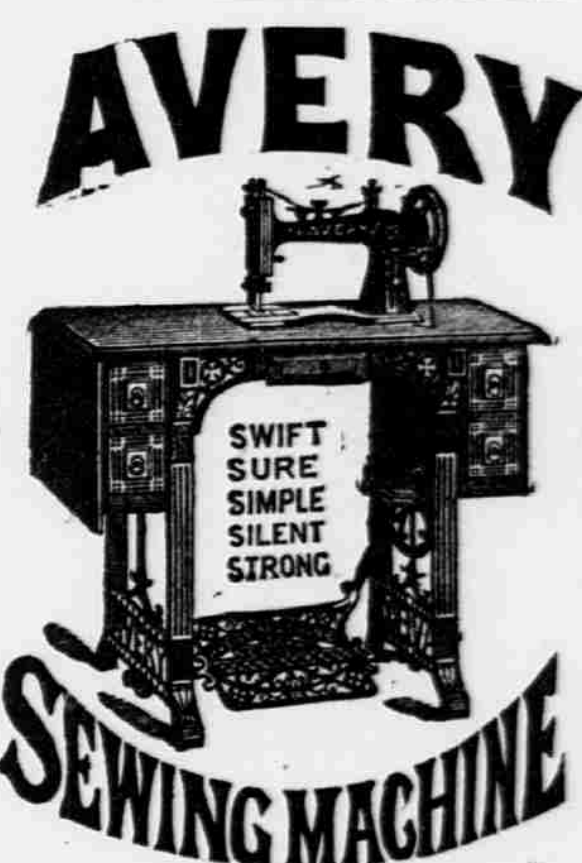
Two vacant churches in Pittsburgh Pa., are on a lookout for pastors.

The concert of the First Baptist Sunday school, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last, presented amusement to a crowded house each evening.

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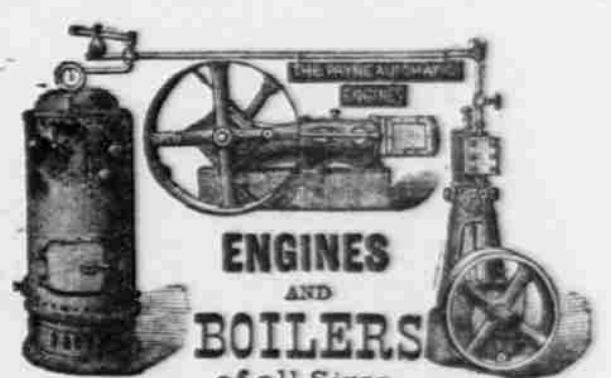
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